(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या स्थलों का चयन अंतिम रूप से कर लिया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो स्थलों का चयन कब तक कर लिया जाएगा?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (घ) सरकार ने जुलाई, 1992 में मध्य भारत में बी०पी०सी०एल० को 6 मि.मि०ट०प्र०व० की तेल रिफाइनरी स्थापित करने की अनुमति देने का निर्णय लिया था । बी०पी०सी०एल० के प्रबंधन तथा संयुक्त उद्यम कंपनी ओमान आयल कंपनी लिमिटेड ने रिफाइनरी को स्थापित करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश के सागर जिले के बीना नामक स्थान को चुना है।

Intensifying hydrocarbon exploration

782. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for production of crude oil in the country during the last two years;

(b) how far these have been achieved;

(c) what are the reasons for the shortfall in the production of crude oil in recent years;

(d) what are the details of the steps taken to intensify hydrocarbon explorations (both offshore and onshore); and

(e) what has been the response of various biddings for exploration blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The targets and actual achievements in respect of indigenous production of crude oil during the last two years are given below:—

(Million Tonnes)

1991-92		1992-93	
Target	Actual	Target	Actual
31.8	30.35	28.5	26.95

The shortfall in production was mainly due to:—

(i) Frequent bands/barricades in the eastern region;
(ii) strike by the employees;
(iii) reservoir constraints in WRBQ
(iv) floods/power shortages and operational constraints;
(v) slippages in projects;
(vi) Rectificatory measures in Bombay High field.

(d) Besides intensification of exploration efforts by national oil companies i.e. ONGC & OIL, the Govt, have invited private investment for intensifying exploration efforts in the country.

(e) Round of bidding/ No. of bids received year

I (1980) . . .	5
II 1982) . .	0
III (1986) . .	12
IV (1991) . .	24
V (1993) . .	15
VI (1993) . .	The last date for receipt of bids is 31st December, 1993.